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Brief Report on Round Table on Power "Managing Surplus - Accessing Cheaper"

Leveraging Gujarat Power Sector for Business Growth

The Gujarat Power sector today is the most exemplary turnaround success story with supply of 24 x 7 power in all parts of the state. Many more states are now on way to learn lessons out of Gujarat model and emulate the success story.



Shri Saurabhbhai Patel , Hon'ble Minister for Energy and Petrochemicals addressing the audience during the Inaugural Session

However, this success ride, like any other journey, has its own bumps and hurdles in the path. The scenario of Gujarat Power sector has changed from a deficit to a surplus on one hand and the stranded gas based generation capacity and cheap availability of power through short term open access on other side. To be competitive and cost effective, access to cheaper power is needed for industry and public at a large. However when there is a deficit scenario in other parts of the country, Gujarat is facing scenario of idle and stranded capacity, putting lot of financial burden on state. Amid this challenging precarious scenario, BMA organised a Round Table Conference (RTC) on Gujarat Power sector with topic as "Managing Surplus- Accessing Cheaper" at Hotel Surya Palace, Vadodara on 26th July 2013 to bring 400 representatives from industry, stake holders, large power consumers, suppliers, academicians, energy management professionals, auditors, solution providers and students under one roof for brain storming on the issue and suggest possible solutions for scenario and chart out the future road map.

Hon'ble Minister for Energy & Petrochemicals, Gujarat, Shri Saurabh Bhai Patel, was the chief guest on the occasion. Inaugurating the RTC and delivering the Key Note Address, Hon'ble minister outlined the proactive measures adopted by the state to achieve remarkable turnaround of the sector from a loss making proposition of Rs 2500 Cr in 2002 to a surplus and profit making sector. Hon'ble Minister elaborated on how the implementation of innovative Jyoti Gram Yojna (JGY) for supply of 24 x 7 power, has transformed lives of vast rural population and people living even in remote areas and contributed immensely to the development and improving quality of life of the people of the state.



Dignitaries on the dais during the Inaugural session of RoundTable Conference on Power

Hon'ble Minister highlighted that the current situation of surplus and stranded capacity of gas based power generation has arisen due to number of factors including so called "policy paralysis" at centre, external factors such as natural disaster in Japan affecting international gas prices, financial health of other state DISCOMs and in turn their inability to buy surplus power, transmission constraints between surplus and deficit regions etc. In Gujarat, the government has rolled out special policies to encourage investment in sectors like textile for use of surplus power and attract investment from other power deficit states. The Hon'ble Minister congratulated BMA for organising the event at a very appropriate time and express





Moderator Mr. S K Negi , MD (GETCO) and Panelists on the dais during the first session of Round Table Conference on power- Managing Surplus

hope that the RTC will bring out new ideas to address these issues.

Speaking on the theme perspective of the RTC, Mr Raj Gopal, IAS, MD GUVNL mentioned that the real producer of electricity is actually the consumer himself since storage of electricity is large quantum is not possible for practical purpose. The grid today faces challenges of surplus and stranded capacity on gas based power producers due to high prices of gas on one hand and managing GRID with absorbing fluctuations of RE generation up to 1000 MW in day when the limit allowed is only =/-150 MW.

In the session on "Managing Surplus" the elite panel moderated by Shri S K Negi, MD GETCO, discussed various factors leading to surplus scenario. The panel comprising Mr. V K Agarwal - NLDC, Mr. Gurdeep Singh - MD GSECL, Mr. Harish Mehta — Suzlon ,Mr. Ashok Pal — Power Grid and Mr. Arvind Kumar - Essar pointed out many issues and remedies to mitigate surplus challenge; revising the drawl limit, scheduling of RE generation at national level etc to name a few.

In another session focussing on the issue of "Accessing Cheaper" the moderator of the expert panel Mr S B Khayaliya, MD, MGVCL emphasised the need to provide cheaper power to the need consumer and highlighted some of the measures taken by GUVNL for procurement of economic bulk power leading to reduction in fuel surcharge over a period. The panel comprising of Mr. H S Patel – MD DGVCL, Mr. Vijay Bathwal –



Moderator Mr. S B Khayalia, MD (MGVCL) and Panelists during the second session of Round Table Conference on Power - Accessing Cheaper



Participants of the Round Table Conference on Power

Reliance ,Mr. Vineet Jain - Adani, Mr. Sanjeev Mehra – Tata Power, Mr. Abhay Potdar – CPL India and Mr. Rajesh Mediratta – IEX India came out with many fruitful suggestions including voltage based tariff to encourage bulk consumers, issues pertaining to short term open access and encouraging co generation and renewable energy for sustainable growth.

The conference received overwhelming response from all sectors and was well attended. The conference was anchored flawlessly by Ms. Venu Birappa an Engineer from GETCO. All participants actively interacted and overall feedback is excellent. It has been planned to submit a white paper on the proceedings of the RTC.

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Views about Empowering Women Series - II

A date with Barkha Dutt

by Ms. Aditi Tiwari, Chairperson, WDC

The second season of empowering women series (EWS2) kicked off with the first program as "following your passion" with Barkha Dutt. It was a very passionate gathering of 850 plus women trying to understand the real Barkha. With her opening sentence she was Ms. Barkha Dutt appreciative of the selected topic by WDC. As for last two decades she has been following her heart and



(NDTV Group Editor) addressing the Audience

asked and encouraged all to follow theirs. She shared very passionately why and how she became a journalist from being a producer to a news anchor to a reporter how the twists and turns evolved her to be who she is.

Her mother remaining her inspiration always whom she lost at a tender age of 13 years. At 26 she followed her heart to cover



Ms. Barkha Dutt and Mr. Sandeep Purohit on the dais

Kargill war more for soldiers and their family rather than them as statistical number to be reported. She saw and showed the world the human side of soldiers who were about the same age as hers who were ready to lay down their lives for the country because that was their passion.

As per Barkha passion is something which does not let you sleep at night, which does not let you remain in inaction, which does not allow you to think but only act. According to her following one's heart is the only true way of living and that will require personal sacrifices and if we are prepared to give those sacrifices only then can we truly be true to ourselves and to the call of our heart. She has lived those personal sacrifices and she has made peace with them as she is at peace with heart following her passion.

She took us through her life from growing up to becoming a journalist to facing the bias as women to convincing to cover a war. She still feels there is a long way for women to find equal space in the world. She urged ladies to give equal opportunity to boys and girls to choose their career and their life's path. Asked mothers to be role models themselves so that their children feel the need to emulate them and take courage to follow their hearts. Our own Amul girl has inspired her always her naughty, care free, spirited and confident attitude is emulated by Barkha herself.

She answered all questions posed to her with an astonishing frankness. She very confidently answered about the coverage of the attack in Mumbai and charges on her, the whole experience was better than Aap ki adalat conducted by Rajat Sharma. The purity of her soul, her commitment to her job above all her passion for following her heart was visible through her eyes and it was an exhilarating experience to witness her capture the heart and minds of so many women all at the same time.

Her commitment beyond anything we had experienced as soon as she reached Delhi she tweeted the following which sums it up "Lovely Day"!



02/08/13 11:10 PM :Lovely day in rain-soaked Baroda. Thank you Baroda Management Association and the fabulous audience this evening. Was a delight to meet you

Passion to follow Barkha's Passion

by Ms. Shilpa Parikh, Co-chairperson, WDC

When Amita broke news of Barkha's confirmation to launch 2nd season of Empowering Women Series to me and Aditi, we got mix feeling – happiness for opportunity to learn from celebrity icon Barkha and atthe same time anxiety to organize event befitting Barkha's stature.

During last two weeks ending with 2nd August – till the time Barkha's program got over; there was an amazing journey for me, Aditi and Amita – three ladies who steered this program under able leadership of President Sandeep and guidance by other office bearers. During this journey, we learnt a lot about passion for excellence, passion for inclusiveness and above all passion for doing something different.

Whether it was enthusing several individuals and organizations across length & breadth of Vadodara and surrounding areas to register for Barkha's program or using technology extensively for marketing – the program announcements were repeated several times on what's app and facebook pages all over -; we learnt how to appreciate divergent views and our passion for excellence helped us to get more than 1000 people turning up for this program, in spite of very heavy rains.

Interaction with Barkha was invigorating and thought provoking.

Barkh's own story of role of her mother in her development; experience of Kargil war; coverage of Mumbai terrorist attacks and several such real life examples had audience engrossed. The ease with which she answered all questions and the way she



Ms. Barkha Dutt during the Interaction with the audience



Large turnout of audience during Follow your Passion with Burkha Dutt

demonstrated magnanimity during informal interactions as well as her appreciation for BMA again & again touched every one's hearts and soul...

For next 3 days, my phone did not stop, but received only compliments...

RESOURCE TEAM

Ms. Aditi Tiwari Ms. Shilpa Parikh



BMA's Members Meet

Brief about the event

The Member's meet of Baroda Management Association was scheduled on Monday, June 27, 2013 at the Guru Narayana Center for Leadership. BMA has set ambitious plans to reach in terms of

its depth of services and variety of programs. It plans to expand its horizon and cater to multiple needs of all current and prospective stakeholders for management. This meet was organized



 $for the {\it involvement}, support {\it and guidance} from {\it members}.$

The Open forum facilitated all the BMA Members to share their views and their perceptions towards BMA as well as a chance to

provide their valuable in puts and suggestions for its better functioning.

The Open forum meet for Members started with a formal introduction of all the members. The



committee members gave presentation about their own committees and shared their plans for the year.

After the committee introduction and presentation, The Office Bearers at BMA had an interactive Session with the members. There were numerous sugges-tions like how to increase the Memberships, working for the city, having programs for teenagers, program for mental health, session that can bridge a gap between practical world and College education.

Framing Minds with Mr. Mohit S. Shah Chief Justice of Bombay High Court



About a month or so back, the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court **Mr. Mohit Shah** was visiting Baroda. He agreed to give his

valuable time to Samanvaya and it turned out to be a very interesting interaction. It was a unique interview of its kind wherein he shared about his early childhood memories coupled with anecdotes and examples of the vast experience that he carries due to his long association with his profession. I appreciate his enthusiasm and the willingness to answer not only what I asked but also to share so many other things associated with his professional and personal life. This is the first time that Samanvaya is carrying an interview which is not of a management leader but as the interview progressed, I realized that being the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court was as difficult and competitive as running a multinational!!!

Mr. Mohit Shah is a son of a District & Sessions Judge. He has done his schooling at Baroda, Surat and Amreli and has pursued his higher education at the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda from where he obtained the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with First Class and First rank with Aurobindo Prize. He has secured the Gold Medal at the LL.B. (Special) Examination for securing first rank with first class marks. He started his practice in the Gujarat High Court in 1976. He made rapid strides in constitutional, civil and corporate law matters. He functioned as the standing counsel for many boards and corporations.

Even during busy practice, he did not ignore academic pursuits. After obtaining LL.M. Degree from Gujarat University, he was a part-time Lecturer in a Law College.

He was elevated as Judge on the Bench of the High Court of Gujarat on September 18, 1995.

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He has delivered a number of lectures and participated in Law Conferences and Seminars including international conferences. He was a visiting faculty at the National Judicial Academy at Bhopal and also at the Gujarat State Judicial Academy at Ahmedabad. He was elevated as Chief Justice of the High Court at Calcutta on December 24, 2009.

He assumed the office of Chief Justice of Bombay High Court on June 26, 2010.

Samanvaya (S): Sir, you are a son of a District and Sessions Judge and have chosen Law as a career option. Would you call it Destiny?

Mohit Shah (MS): When you are young, you imbibe from your surroundings. I always saw my father as a very happy human being. I also saw people say very good things about him. So, I thought it was good to join this profession. I also found this profession to be very interesting and challenging. When I was in my last year of BA, many other friends were appearing for their entrance examinations, but I had made up my mind about taking up law as a career.

S: You have an old association with Baorda. You have done your schooling here. What are your memories of this city and how you see it now?

MS: Baroda in those years was a very quiet city. I used to enjoy cycling a lot, especially going from home in Dandia Bazaar to college via Jail Road. It was a very beautiful experience. But nowadays there is so much of traffic that I don't think one can find open roads. I also enjoyed playing tennis everyday from 4 to 6 in the evening. That would be the best time of the day, since the Arts College classes were between 11 to 3 and the Law College from 6 to 8.

S: You have always shown extra interests in academics and cultural activities. Please tell us something about it.

MS: Not that every lawyer or judge participates in these activities. In fact many lawyers and judges keep themselves away from such activities. In Kamani Forward school at Amreli I had a friend – Yogesh Desai - whose father was a professor in the science college. There used to be lots of cultural activities and I would always look forward to attending Sugam Sangeet programs. In the evenings I would always switch on the radio and listen to the National Program of Music. I would find it very soothing. In Baroda, I made it point a point to attend lectures on interesting topics by good orators in the college auditorium. would also take interest in attending programs on performing arts, especially music programs. After completing my law, I shifted to Ahmedabad to practice in the High Court. used to attend the music festival called SAPTAK, which every year brings together musical maestros on one platform. I am also very fond of watching plays and classical dances. Like, I was so impressed by Romeo and Juliet in Kathak.

S: What is a normal working day in the life of the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court.

MS: Like everyone else, my day also starts with my morning cup of tea and the newspapers. Then at 9'00 my secretary comes

and we do some administrative work. I leave for the court at 10'00. There is a tradition in the Bombay High Court that everyday 10 minutes before 11 all the judges come to the Chief Justice's chamber where we will have tea / coffee or coconut water and share some light moments together. Every-one then proceeds to the Court for work from 11 am to 2 pm. Then we have lunch break. Everyone gets Tiffin from home and we all take lunch together in the same room. That is a good interaction time and we do not discuss law in that one hour. Then from 3 to 5 again I sit in the court room. Then from 5 to 8 there is administrative work to be looked into. So, by the time I leave for home, it is almost 8 or 8.30. Many a time I end up carrying work home.

During most of the weekends, I do administrative work and dictate judgments as well. Functions like inauguration of new Court complexes, Lok Adalats or Mediation Seminars have to be organized only during weekends and not on working days.

The Bombay High Court has principal seat at Bombay and Benches at Nagpur & Aurangabad and also the seat at Goa. Sometimes I go there to hear cases and attend Court functions. Right now we have 59 judges from all these places. This number can go up to 75. I give them different assignments and also endeavour to sort out problems faced by them. There are more than 1800 Judges in the States of Maharashtra and Goa. Amongst Judges, 30% are women Judges. At the Bombay High Court, there are 1700 staff members out of which 60% are Induction training of the junior Judges is very intensive, which includes 3 months at the judicial academy, 3 months in courts, 3 months again at the academy and then 3 months in Courts. Couple of years back the Joint Director of the judicial academy came up with the problem that a lot of these women judges wanted to resign. Most of them were in the age group of 25-35 and had small children. Staying in the academy for such long periods, leaving their toddlers back home in remote areas of Maharashtra or Goa, was a major problem. So we gave them 2 seater rooms, allowed their mothers or mothers-in-law to stay with them and the problem was solved. Similarly other problems of the staff are being tackled and resolved as soon as possible. The lawyer fraternity is also looked after well and their problems are also being addressed speedily. They also come to Judges with suggestions and not problems. This establishes good rapport between us. We also play a friendly cricket match every year at Brabourne or Wankhede Stadium. So basically we are trying to make the working environment stress free. . Here I would like to quote the Former Chief Justice of US Supreme Court Warren Berger:

"the objective of the legal profession is to serve as healers of human conflicts. We should provide mechanisms that can produce an acceptable result in the shortest possible time, with the least possible expense and with minimum stress on the participants. This is what justice is all about."

This quote sums up the efforts and the initiatives that are being taken to give an encouraging work environment to Lawyers, Judges and staff of the Courts in Maharashtra & Goa and





particularly in Mumbai which otherwise also enjoys great reputation for excellent work culture.

S: What kind of technology is used in the Courts?

MS: For the last 15 years we have been using LINUX. We are in the process of moving towards e courts in August.

S: A lot of high profile cases come up which add to the stress. How do you cope with them and help to ease it for yourself and fellow judges

MS: Stress is a part of modern day life. It cannot be ruled out. But it has to be taken positively. As Judges, since we have no personal interest, we look at them objectively. Therefore, unlike lawyers, we never have the competitive stress of winning or losing cases. As I said earlier, lighter moments before the Court hours and during lunch break help us a lot to remain cool and composed.

S: Do you like to read?

MS: Now I am not able to devote that much time to reading. As a student I used to enjoy reading a lot. In school days, I used to enjoy reading Kanhaiyalal Munshi. The strong impression during my formative years was left by novels of Sharad Chandra Chattopadhyay. In college days I enjoyed reading P.G. Wodehouse. I also used to frequently visit Aurobindo Ashram. Once I heard Rohit Mehta explaining Aurobindo Philosophy. He said most of the people say ego is very bad. You still need ego, like a ladder, for going up. But If u carry the ladder with u wherever u go, it will hurt others. You should use ego for improvement and not for throwing your weight around.

S: What is your family like?

MS: My wife Mita is also an alumni of M.S.University. She did her M.Sc. (Zoology). She is a home maker. Our daughter and son-in-law are doctors (Oncologist / Cardiologist) in the USA. Our son and daughter-in-law are lawyers at Ahmedabad.

This interview was taken by **Ms. Meera Vin** for Samanvaya

BOOK REVIEW

Shiva Trilogy By Amish Tripathi

The Shiva trilogy by Amish Tripathi is a huge bestseller and tells the story of a man who because of his extraordinary intelligence and skills became a living god



for people at that era and is now worshipped as the great Lord Mahadev.

The books revolve around the life of Shiva, a Tibetan immigrant who arrives in India in the empire of Meluha (now known as the Indus Valley Civilization) and becomes of the savior of the people by sheer chance. His ability to speak out for justice not

worrying about the consequences, his care and concern for every human being and his power of logical and rational thinking which help him overrule redundant traditions and view circumstances with a fresh perspective, make him a true leader of the people.

The author has woven the life of the tribal Shiva with actual mythological tales about the great lord emphasizing on the fact that Shiva was someone who actually lived in our world but is today revered as god because of his abilities. It is prophesized in the land of Meluha that a man whose throat would turn blue after drinking a Meluhan potion called 'Somras' would become their savior. Shiva arrives to Meluha and is catapulted to fame as the 'Neelkanth'. The Somras is a drink rumored to increase one's life span and stop ageing. Shiva's rise to power is sudden but power does not go to his head. He is an able leader and treats everybody with the respect and courtesy they deserve. In him we see a perfect manager who can inspire people to achieve the impossible and face the most daunting challenges. He fights alongside his soldiers and takes care of their every little need. People in the empire who are born with deformities or acquire diseases are banished and treated like untouchables; Shiva with his strong will to do the right thing abolishes all the discrimination without caring for the consequences or his popularity as a ruler. He is also a loyal husband to his wife Sati and a loving father to Ganesh and Kartik.

He is a man of principles. Lord Shiva abolished the Somras because of the toxic waste that was created after its production had led to many diseases throughout the kingdom. There was a possibility of war in the future over this magical drink as its production was difficult and time consuming. He did not wish to live a long life at the cost of such destruction and thus he destroyed it. It is believed that the knowledge to make this drink still exists with the secret tribe of Lord Shiva.

All of us have heard the phrase 'Har Har Mahadev' but very few know its meaning. It implies that 'All of us are Mahadev.' This was the phrase used by Shiva to motivate his soldiers. We need to trust ourselves and believe that we have the potential and capability to achieve everything we want. We should try to cultivate the courage in ourselves to stand up for what's right. The most important thing in life is not to be rigid and be aware of the point of view of others. The fundamental teaching of the book is that good and evil is two sides of the same coin. What is good for one can be evil for another. Lord Shiva is known as the destroyer of evil which actually means taking evil out of the good at the right time before it leads to an imbalance. It does not mean judging someone or something as evil without any thought or discussion. Lord Shiva's actions always had great consideration and contemplation behind them.

The books very beautifully reiterate the lessons that we can learn from the life of Lord Shiva and inspire ourselves to reach new heights in life.

Happy reading ©

Book Review by Ms. Aastha Sethi

Forthcoming **Events**

Management Development Programme (MDP)

Date 13.8.2013

Time 09.30 am to 05.30 pm

Topic Boss Management: An art or a skill?

Faculty : Mr. Hemang Desai

Date : 26.8.2013

Time 09:30 am to 05:30 pm

Topic Mind Power - The Secret to Win Life

: Ms. Ashu Manchanda Faculty

> Venue: BMA, Guru Narayana Centre for Leadership, Anmol Plaza, Old Padra Road, Vadodara.



Capacity Building Workshop on Finance Management for MSME Thursday, 22nd August 2013

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Co-operative Seminar on Banking Sector

A co-operative seminar on banking sector is going to be held at Hotel Surya Palace, Sayajigunj (Vadodara)

Date: 14th September, 2013 Time : 9.30 am to 4.45 pm

Topic: Impression of the Co-operative Banks among the

Society

Speakers:

The Eminent speakers for this session would be as follows

- Ms. Raksha Devi, GM (Urban Banks Department)
- Ms. Jayshree Vyas, MD (Shri Mahila Seva Sahkari Bank Ltd) SEWA, Ahmedabad
- Prof. KV Lakum , Director I/c ACSIT/CTI (NICM) National Institute of Co-operative Management
- Mr. P F Bharucha, MD (The Kalupur Co-operative Bank

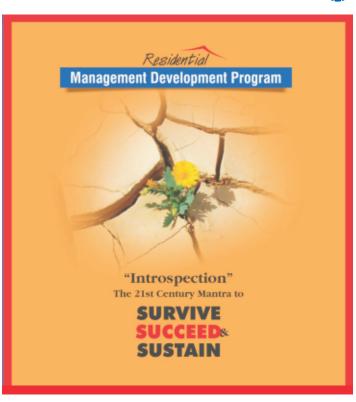
The fees for the seminar would be Rs.800/- (Including Service Tax)



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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Date: 26, 27 & 28th September, 2013

Venue: Damanganga Valley Resort, Silvassa.

Duration: 3 days & 2 nights

Fees: Rs. 15,000/- for Patron Members

Rs. 16,000/- for BMA Members Rs. 17,000/- for Non-Members

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2.	16.08.2013	DMIT- The Science Success through Finger Prints by Mr. Sarvesh Rastogi
3.	23.08.2013	Challenges before Management by Mr. Ganesh Sawaleshwarkar
4.	30.08.2013	Management of Ashram- The Solar way by Mr. Deepak Gadhia
4.	06.09.2013	Art and Investment by Ms. Kakoli Sen.
5.	13.09.2013	Traffic Management by Mr. Ajit Gaekwad

Venue : BMA, Guru Narayana Centre for Leadership, Anmol Plaza, Old Padra Road, Vadodara.





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From the Editor's Desk



Dear Members,

The month of July saw monsoon in full swing and yes, it was raining events in BMA as well!!

BMA organised a Round Table Conference specifically aimed at the Power Sector — "Managing Surplus Accessing Cheaper". Gujarat not only provides 24 by 7 electricity but also generates surplus power. How to effectively and efficiently manage the surplus power was the topic of discussion. Hon'ble Minister for Energy & Petrochemicals, Gujarat, Shri Saurabh Bhai Patel, was the chief guest on the occasion. In his key note address, he outlined the miraculous turnaround of this sector and the success of various programs initiated by the government. The Conference saw experts from the power sector industry touch on the various aspects of surplus power and how to put it to use in the best possible manner.

Barkha Dutt - the name reminds you of a woman who boldly covered the Kargil War. The second season of empowering women series (EWS2) kicked off with the first program as "following your passion" with Barkha Dutt. It was a gathering attended by more than 850 women. All attentive ears were listening to this woman of steel, who very passionately shared memories of her childhood, her dream of becoming a journalist, her aspirations and the challenges she faced during her journey of becoming a news reporter.

The Framing Minds column covers the interview of Mr. Mohit Shah, the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court. It was an interesting interaction whereby he very fondly remembered his childhood memories of Vadodara and spoke passionately about his job as the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court.

This month's book review is on Shiva Trilogy by Amish Tripathi. This book is a huge bestseller and tells the story of a man who because of his extraordinary intelligence and skills became a living god for people at that era and is now worshipped as the great Lord Mahadev.

Laurels and Laurels to BMA. Till the next issue,

- Meera Vin

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